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For : METHOD OF INHIBITING IMMUNE SYSTEM DESTRUCTION

OF TRANSPLANTED VIABLE CELLS

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231 Box: Patent Application

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In the claims:

Please cancel claims 24-42, without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in the future.

## REMARKS

This application is a continuation-in-part of PCT International Application No. PCT/US96/15577, filed September 27, 1996, designating the United States of America and which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/004,375, filed September 27, 1995. Accordingly, the parent application, PCT International Application No. PCT/US96/15577, is pending today in the United States of America pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §363, and the subject continuation application is co-pending therewith in fulfillment of the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 24-42 have been canceled without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter